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Dear Colleagues,

Sharing an excerpt from today's *ED Review*:

EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

On May 5, President Trump [signed into law](#) the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017*, providing funding for most federal agencies for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2017. The act increases the [Department of Education's discretionary funding](#) by \$182 million from FY 2016. Among the highlights: increases for *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (ESEA) Title I grants to school districts (up \$550 million, with \$450 million from the former School Improvement Grant program, to \$15.5 billion) and special education grants to states (up \$90 million, to \$12 billion); cuts to ESEA Title II professional development grants (down \$200 million, to \$2.1 billion) and Education Innovation and Research grants (down \$20 million, to \$100 million); and first-time funding for ESEA Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment grants (at \$400 million). Also, the act restores year-round Pell Grants and, because of mandatory funding, boosts the maximum Pell Grant award by \$105 to \$5,920 for the 2017-18 academic year.

The President's FY 2018 budget request is scheduled to be released on May 23. The Department of Education's budget materials will be posted [here](#).

On May 24, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time, the Department's Office of Safe and Healthy Students will host a [webinar](#) on changes to the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants under the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017*. For example, given the appropriations level, states have the option of making competitive subgrants to eligible districts (versus distributing the funds by formula).

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